

**MINUTES
TOWN OF FORT MILL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 2013
7:00 PM**

Present: Councilmen Blythe, Spratt, Helms, Adams, Councilwoman Savage, Mayor Funderburk, Manager Pieper, Attorney Mack, Clerk Beachum

Absent: Councilman Huntley

Guests: Engineering Director Paul Mitchell, Planning Director Joe Cronin, Robby Moody-Catawba Council of Governments, Building Inspector Marty Taylor, Rob Jackson-Catawba Council Of Governments, Finance Director Chantay Boulter, John Marks-Fort Mill Times, Webelos Scout Pack 219

Mayor Funderburk called the meeting to order at 7pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Helms gave the invocation and Mayor Funderburk welcomed everyone. Councilman Helms made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2013 and August 26, 2013 meetings as submitted with a second by Councilwoman Savage. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to Section 2-46 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Fort Mill, any resident may appear before council for the purpose of providing public comments on any municipal matter (except personnel matters). Those who wish to speak must sign the Public Comment sheet prior to the start of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Public Hearing of an Ordinance to Adopt a Budget for the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2013 and Ending September 30, 2014:** Mayor Funderburk opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. There were no speakers for this item.
2. **Public Hearing of an Ordinance to Raise Revenue by Setting the Tax Millage for the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina, for the Tax Year Ending December 31, 2013 and for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2014:** There were no speakers for this item. Mayor Funderburk closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt a Budget for the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2013 and Ending September 30, 2014:** Councilman Adams made a motion to approve as second reading with the revisions recommended by Manager Pieper, with a second by Councilwoman Savage. (Revisions to be placed with official copy of minutes for records retention) Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

2. **Second Reading of an Ordinance to Raise Revenue by Setting the Tax Millage for the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina, for the Tax Year Ending December 31, 2013 and for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2014:** Councilman Adams made a motion to approve at 86 mills with a second by Councilwoman Savage. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.
3. **Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article III, Signs; Section 19; Electronic Signs; so as to Amend the Requirements under which Electronic Changeable Copy Signs may be Permitted:** Councilman Spratt made a motion to approve the amended version with a second by Councilwoman Savage. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of Request from the Fort Mill History Museum Regarding Hospitality Tax Funds:** Mayor Funderburk stated his support of granting them another \$25,000, as Council voted to do last year. Councilman Spratt made a motion to approve the request for \$25,000 to be funded from the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Hospitality Tax (undesignated) budget, and contingent upon a memorandum of understanding being signed between the Town and the museum board prior to the distribution of funds, with a second by Councilman Adams. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.
2. **Consideration of Request to Endorse the Draft Project List for the Paradise Neighborhood Revitalization Grant:** Robby Moody with the Catawba Regional Council of Governments gave a summary of the project and a synopsis of the community meetings that were held, and outlined the goals of improving water lines, demolishing derelict houses, making housing repairs, road repairs and sidewalk repairs. Mayor Funderburk thanked him for his time and information.
3. **First Reading by Title Only of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article II, Requirements by District; Section 21, THCD (Tom Hall Corridor District); so as to Amend the Maximum Square Footage Requirement for New Construction within the Overlay District:** Councilman Spratt inquired as to the reason behind approving only a title, with no ordinance or information. Planning Director Cronin stated this would assist certain developments & certain projects (such as a proposal for the former Food Lion store) and Council can read the ordinance prior to second reading. Councilman Adams made a motion to approve, with a second by Councilman Spratt. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of Contractual Matter Related to Legal Services: Councilwoman Savage made a motion to move into Executive Session with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened in open session at 8:05pm with Mayor Funderburk reporting no votes or action were taken during Executive Session.

Councilman Spratt expressed his sorrow and condolences regarding the three lives lost in Fort Mill this past week—two in a fishing accident and one in a house fire. He also encouraged attendance at the Fort Mill History Museum.

Councilman Helms stated he will call a Safety Committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting. Councilman Adams said moving the dropbox was a good idea.

Councilwoman Savage expressed concern regarding emergency vehicles being able to respond to calls with all the traffic problems in Fort Mill. She also stated staff did a good job on the budget.

Mayor Funderburk mentioned Art on Main is returning and more information should be available soon.

There being no further business, Councilman Spratt made a motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Beachum
Town Clerk

Dennis Pieper
Town Manager